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E.O. 12065: GDS 3/20/85 (FREEMAN, A.G.) OP-R
 TAGS: ELAB SHUM AR
 SUBJ: (C) RELEASE OF ARGENTINE POLITICAL/LABOR LEADER
 MIGUEL

REF: BUENOS AIRES 2004

1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. PERONIST LABOR AND POLITICAL SOURCES WITH GOOD CONTACTS IN THE GOVERNMENT TELL US THAT LORENZO MIGUEL, FORMER HEAD OF THE 62 TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS -- THE POLITICAL BACKBONE OF THE PERONIST LABOR MOVEMENT IN THE PAST -- WILL BE RELEASED FROM HOUSE ARREST STATUS DURING THE FIRST HALF OF APRIL. ACCORDING TO THIS INFORMATION, THE RULING MILITARY JUNTA VOTED TWO TO ONE IN FAVOR OF MIGUEL'S RELEASE -- AIR FORCE COMMANDER GRAFFIGNA VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE. ARMY COMMANDER GALTIERI IS REPORTED TO HAVE CONDITIONED HIS APPROVAL TO MIGUEL'S KEEPING A LOW PROFILE AFTER HIS RELEASE. SOURCES BELIEVE THAT MIGUEL MAY DECIDE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY FOR AN UNDETERMINED PERIOD FOLLOWING HIS RELEASE.

3. A WIDE NUMBER OF PERONIST LABOR SOURCES APPEAR TO BELIEVE THAT MIGUEL'S RELEASE EVENTUALLY WILL PRODUCE A MAJOR REORGANIZATION OF THE PERONIST LABOR AND POLITICAL MOVEMENTS, WITH MIGUEL PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE AS A GALVANIZING FACTOR IN THE FUTURE (SEE REFTEL). THE INFORMATION CONCERNING PRECONDITIONS IMPOSED BY GALTIERI, HOWEVER, SUGGESTS THAT THIS CHANGE, IF INDEED THERE IS A CHANGE, MAY TAKE SOME TIME IN COMING.

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